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PATENT

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Applicant: Pietro Padovani ) Examiner: Janice Lee Krizek  
Filed: 02/14/2002 ) Group Art Unit 3652  
For: "Process and Plant for Handling ) Our Ref: B-4501  
Thermoformed Objects ..." ) (619522-7)

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In the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth a non-unity objection, asserting that claims 1-3, drawn to a process for handling thermoformed objects, lack unity with claims 4-15 drawn to a plant for handling thermoformed objects.

The Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-3 for prosecution in this Application. It is noted that the United States Patent Law does not require that Examiners enter non-unity objections, and therefore the Examiner is requested to reconsider the non-unity objection in view of the fact that the claims, while distinct, are sufficiently related that it would not be an undue burden upon the Examiner to examiner both sets of claims in a single application.

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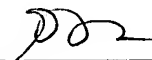
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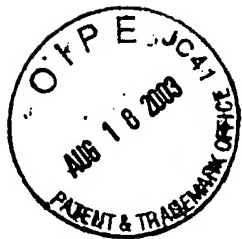
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